(c) whether offering such freebies to poor students for seeking admission in unapproved courses amounts to unfair trade practices under the MRTP Act; and

(d) if so, what action Government have taken against the IIPM?

THE MINISTER OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS (SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Based on the complaints received and *suo-motu* on the basis of the information given on the website of Indian Institute of Planning and Management (IIPM) offering free international study tours and free laptops to students of MBA/ BBA, the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices (MRTP) Commission has initiated action against the IIPM. The matter has been referred to the Director General (Investigation and Registration) to investigate and file the Preliminary Investigation Report. The MRTP Commission can take cognizance of such advertisements under the provisions of MRTP Act.

All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has issued a show cause notice to the Indian Institute of Planning and Management, New Delhi and has placed the name of the Institution in the list of institutions which are running technical courses without their approval, on their web-site.

**Illegal trafficking of antiquities**

316. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are fully aware of the increasing illegal trafficking in antiquities in the country;

(b) if so, the number of cases reported during the last two years, year-wise;

(c) the corrective steps being taken to combat trafficking in antiquities;

(d) whether the National Mission in Monuments and Antiquities will be able to combat the trafficking in antiquities; and

(e) if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) The available data does not indicate increasing illegal trafficking in antiquities. The number of cases of antiquity thefts reported during the last two years is given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(c) Under the Antiquities and Art Treasures Act, 1972, provisions exist for regulating the trade in antiquities and for registering specific categories of antiquities.

India is also a signatory to the 1970 UNESCO Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Trafficking in Cultural Property.

The provision for security at museums and protected monuments has been augmented by deploying State Police, Private Security Guards and also CISF in selected places. Strict vigil is also maintained by the Customs Department at all airports and seaports and other law enforcing agencies like the CBI, DRI and the State Police.

(d) and (e) The National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities would document the antiquities and prepare a national database, which would help in establishing provenance in the retrieval of smuggled antiquities. The Mission would also promote public awareness, concern and participation in safeguarding of antiquarian wealth.

***Statement***

*The number of thefts of antiquities during the last two years*

| Sl. No. | Name of State | Name of Monument/Site and the District | Description of the Objects | Date of theft | Status of the Case | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| | | | **Year 2005** | | | |
| 1. | Rajasthan | Ancient site Nagar, Distt. Tonk | 7 Sculptures | 12-1-2005 | F.I.R. lodged. | |
| 2. | Chhattisgarh | Centrally Protected Site Sirpur, Distt. Mahasamund | Stone image of Hariti | 23/24-6-05 | F.I.R. lodged | Recovered |
| 3. | Madhya Pradesh | Sculpture shed, Karitalai, Distt. Katni | 9 Sandstone sculptures | 17-8-05 | F.I.R. lodged | |
| 4. | Chhattisgarh | Laxman Temple, Sirpur, Distt. Mahasamund | Stone image of Ananta-Shesh | 13/14-10-05 | F.I.R. lodged | Recovered |
| | | | **Year 2006** | | | |
| 1. | Uttarakhand | Cave temple Patal-Bhubneswar Tehsil Berinag Distt. Pithoragarh | Two small size stone images of Ganesha (Under worship) not so old. | 2/3-4-2006 | F.I.R. lodged | |
| 2. | Uttarakhand | Temple premises of the Chandpur Fort, Distt. Chamoli | 1 Carved-wooden head of Kali | 18/19-04-06 | F.I.R. lodged | |
| 3. | Bihar | Patna State Govt. Museum | 18 Bronze sculptures, | 26-09-2006 | F.I.R. lodged | 17 have been recovered and 1 is still to be recovered |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4. | Andhra Pradesh | Shiv Kodandarama Swamy Temple, Vomtimitta, Distt. Kadapa, Andhra-Pradesh | Theft of central bud portion of the inverted lotus carved on the Kalyanama nda-pa ceiling | 6-10-2006 | F.I.R. lodged | |
| 5. | Rajasthan | Archaeological Museum, Kalibangan, Distt. Hanumangarh | Wheel and cart frame | 21-01-2006 | FI.R lodged | |

**Multi-purpose cultural complex**

317. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up multi-purpose cultural complexes in the country;

(b) if so, what are these places in order to promote culture itself, State-wise; and

(c) the details thereof and what cost?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) Multipurpose Cultural Complex Scheme which was in existence till 31-3-2007 has been dropped by Planning Commission from the current financial year onwards.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

**Upgradation of list by World Heritage Committee**

318. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that UNESCO's World Heritage Committee has recently updated list of properties of outstanding universal value that are a part of planet's cultural and natural heritage;

(b) if so, what are the details of Indian sites added to this list; and

(c) what are the names of Indian sites that already find place on this list?

THE MINISTER CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b): The UNESCO World Heritage Committee during its 31st session held at Christchurch (New Zealand) from 23rd June to 2nd July, 2007, has inscribed Red Fort Complex, Delhi on the World Heritage list due to its outstanding universal value and because it is a beautiful example of Mughal architecture.

The list of the Indian sites already inscribed on the World Heritage list is given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).